

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): AKIO TAKAHASHI  
 Appln. No.: 09 | 944,239  
 Series Code ↑ | Serial No. ↑  
 Filed: August 31, 2001



Group Art Unit 2857  
 Examiner: Paul L. Kim  
 Atty. Dkt. 277012 | 51270  
 C-M Client Ref  
 Appln. Title: BACKGROUND NOISE ELIMINATING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM REALIZING SUCH METHOD

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
 PO Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: December 1, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1. Small Entity claim		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg Sm
A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn						
C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith	D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously						
For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)							
2. Total Effective Claims	15	**minus	20	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	1202/2202
3. Independent Claims	12	***minus	6	6	x \$86/\$43 =	+ \$516	1201/2201
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) .....		add			+ \$290/\$145 =	+ \$0	1203/2203
5. Original due Date: November 1, 2003	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE						
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =			+ \$110		1251/2251
	(2 mos)	\$420/\$210 =					1252/2252
	(3 mos)	\$950/\$475 =					1253/2253
	(4 mos)	\$1,480/\$740=					1254/2254
	(5 mos)	\$2,010/\$1,005=					1255/2255
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract		- \$0					
8.		Extension Fee	+ \$110				
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....		+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0				1814/2814
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), .....	add	+ \$180	+ \$0				1806
or if Rule 97(d) Request .....	add	+ \$180	+ \$0				1806
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....		+ \$770/385	+ \$0				1809/2809
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....		x \$770/385 ea	+ \$0				1810/2810
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....		+ \$770/385	+ \$0				1801/2801
14. Petition fee for .....			+ \$0				
15.		TOTAL FEE =	\$626				
16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".							
17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.							
18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.							
Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975) (Our Order No. 51270   277012 C# _____ M# _____							

**CHARGE STATEMENT:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

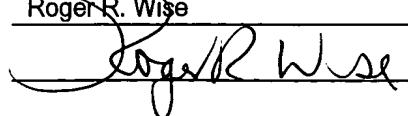
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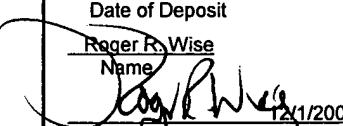
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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December 1, 2003

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Name

  
Signature

12/1/2003 Date

Amendment

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003, the due date for response to which has been extended to December 1, 2003 by virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.

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